

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOUTH COUNCIL

**Man-Tra-Con Corporation
3000 West DeYoung, Suite 800-B
Marion, IL 62959**

MINUTES August 12, 2009

Members Present: Sheila Ahlgren, Steve Buntin (via conference call,) Bryan Cross, Joe Davis, June Hickey, Ethel Holladay, Kathy Lively, and Tyler Young

Members Absent: Terance Henry and Lisa Price

Others Present: Roxanne Brewer-Coffey, JoDene Kern, and Dorothy Porter

Call to Order: On behalf of Chairperson Young, Bryan Cross called the meeting to order at the Marion Man-Tra-Con office at 4:03 p.m. on August 12, 2009.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Ms. Holladay to accept the minutes from the July 8, 2009, meeting and was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion carried.

- II. **Orders of the Day:**
 - A. **Summer Works Update:** Ms. Brewer-Coffey updated the Council about the Summer Works program. To date, 245 youth have been enrolled in the Summer Works program. There are currently 93 worksites and Man-Tra-Con is still accepting work site applications in an effort to fill 61 remaining job slots. Many worksites have requested extensions through the end of September 2009. Those requesting extensions are being encouraged to take on a new youth so the program may serve as many individuals as possible. A waiver has been received to extend the Summer Works program through March 2010. Ms. Brewer-Coffey also reported Man-Tra-Con has been working in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Agriculture to place eligible Summer Works youth participants in jobs at the Du Quoin State Fair. To date, 49 youth have been determined to be eligible and will attend an orientation for job placement at the Du Quoin State Fair later in the week. Man-Tra-Con will continue to work toward its goal of serving 400 youth in the Summer Works program.

Ms. Brewer-Coffey informed the Council the DCEO Director, Warren Ripley, will be in southern Illinois for a tour of several Summer Works worksite locations on Monday, August 31, 2009. An itinerary is in the process of being developed.

Ms. Porter reported several employers, including Perry County Humane Society and Baker's Plumbing, have extended offers of permanent employment to their Summer Works youth participants.

 - B. **Year Round Contractors' Reports:** Chairperson Young called for comments or questions regarding the Year Round Contractors' Reports; there were none. A motion was made by Mr. Davis to approve the Year Round Contractors' Reports and was seconded by Vice-Chairperson Hickey. The motion carried.

- C. **Matters from the Floor:** There were no matters from the floor.
- D. **Next Meeting Time and Place:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2009, at the Marion Man-Tra-Con office beginning at 4:00 p.m. A call-in number will continue to be offered as an option for those members unable to physically attend the session.
- E. **Adjournment:** Chairperson Young adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.